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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR DRUG INFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANCE IN
UPGRADING DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT IN GUYANA

1. DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH CECIL ROBERTS, THE ASSISTANT
SUPERINTENDENT OF THE GUYANESE POLICE, CRIMINAL DIVISION,
CONCERNING CURRENT DRUG PROBLEMS IN GUYANA, ROBERTS SAID THAT
MARIJUANA TRAFFICING IN GUYANA IS ON THE RISE AND THAT THE
LOCAL POLICE ARE NOT EQUIPPED NOR TRAINED TO HANDLE THE PRESENT
DRUG PROBLEM. ROBERTS, WHO ATTENDED A DEA POLICE
OFFICERS TRAINING COURSE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. DURING THE EARLY
1970'S, SAID THAT THE GUYANA POLICE DEPARTMENT NEEDS ASSISTANCE
IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS TO BECOME EFFECTIVE IN COMBATING DRUG
TRAFFICING AND USE:

A. EDUCATION. ROBERTS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A COURSE ON
DRUGS ADMINISTERED TO APPROXIMATELY TWENTY POLICEMEN IN GUYANA,
WHO WOULD THEN BECOME THE NUCLEUS OF A DRUG ENFORCEMENT
TEAM WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

B. TRAINED DOGS AND HANDLERS. ACCORDING TO ROBERTS,
GUYANA NEEDS TRAINED DRUG SNIFFING DOGS AND DOG HANDLERS
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TO UNCOVER DRUGS BEING SMUGGLED INTO GUYANA AND/OR BEING
TRANSFERRED THROUGH GUYANA AT ITS TWO PRIMARY PORTS OF
ENTRY, TIMEHRI AIRPORT AND GEORGETOWN HARBOUR. AT
PRESENT THERE IS NO PROGRAM AIMED AT THIS OBJECTIVE
OTHER THAN NORMAL CUSTOMS INSPECTIONS, WHICH ROBERTS
BELIEVES TO BE GROSSLY INEFFECTIVE.

C. EXEMPLARS OF DANGEROUS DRUGS. ROBERTS WOULD

LIKE TO OBTAIN A FULL RANGE OF EXEMPLARS OF DANGEROUS DRUGS FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES BOTH WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ITSELF AND WITHIN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM. TO DATE, THERE IS LITTLE ATTENTION BEING GIVEN TO THE EDUCATION OF GUYANESE YOUTH TO THE DANGERS OF DRUG USE. ROBERTS WOULD BEGIN SUCH A PROGRAM.

2. ADDITIONALLY, ROBERTS REQUESTS A RESUPPLY OF THE BECTON-DICKINSON NARCOTICS IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM, TEST E FOR MARIJUANA. HE SAID THAT THIS IS HIS TOP PRIORITY REQUEST, AS THE POLICE DO NOT HAVE A SIMPLE MEANS OF IDENTIFYING MARIJUANA. COMPLICATED LABORATORY TESTS ARE PRESENTLY BEING USED TO SUPPORT ARRESTS IN MARIJUANA USE AND POSSESSION.

3. COMMENT: ROBERTS CONFIDED TO EMBOFF THAT THE GUYANA POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENTLY HAS ONLY THREE OFFICERS WHO HAVE HAD TRAINING IN NARCOTICS WORK. HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE GROWING PROBLEM OF NARCOTICS ABUSE (PRIMARILY MARIJUANA) IN GUYANA AND THE ABILITY OF THE LOCAL POLICE TO CONTROL IT. ROBERTS IS THE PRIMARY OFFICER IN CHARGE OF NARCOTICS CASES FOR THE GUYANESE POLICE. THE PRESENT SUPERINTENDENT OF THE CRIMINAL DIVISION, MR. DONALD HAYNES, HAS RECEIVED CONCURRENCE FROM THE "HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT" (READ PRIME MINISTER FORBES BURNHAM) TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH DEA INITIATIVES IN DEVELOPING A DRUG ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM IN GUYANA. HAYNES WELCOMES ANY ASSISTANCE.
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